

August 6, 1999

Michael Friedman
Commissioner Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
Room 1-23
12420 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20857

5024 '99 SEP 22 AM 11:18

Dear Mr. Friedman,

I am writing in support to a petition requesting a ban on the slaughter of downed animals for human food. The docket number is 98P-0151/CP1.

I believe to allow the slaughter of downed animals for food is not only adding to the problem of intolerable animal cruelty, but is also a threat to human health. Animals too sick to even stand should not be sold and slaughtered for the use of food. Preventing the sale of downed animals to slaughterhouses will encourage farmers and livestock handlers to take better care of their animals and prevent downers from occurring in the first place.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Any reply on this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Amy Shoemake

Amy Shoemake
First National Bank of Omaha
2223 Dodge St.
Omaha, NE 68102

98P-0151

C2253

RECEIVED

AUG 9 3 14 PM '99

SECRETARIAT